



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. KBB 2006 - 19

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### ***DOTD GUIDELINES FOR VEHICLES, TRUCKS, AND LOADS***

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**WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, (hereafter "the Act") confers upon the governor of the state of Louisiana emergency powers to deal with emergencies and disasters, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake or other natural or man-made causes, to ensure that preparations of this state will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters, and to preserve the lives and property of the citizens of the state of Louisiana;

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to the Act, a state of emergency was declared through Proclamation No. 48 KBB 2005, issued on August 26, 2005, and extended by Proclamation Nos. 54 KBB 2005, 61 KBB 2005, 68 KBB 2005, 75 KBB 2005, 10 KBB 2006, 14 KBB 2006, and 18 KBB 2006; Proclamation No. 53 KBB 2005, issued on September 20, 2005, and extended by Proclamation Nos. 60 KBB 2005, 67 KBB 2005, 74 KBB 2005, 9 KBB 2006, 15 KBB 2006, and 19 KBB 2006;

**WHEREAS,** the president of the United States of America issued a National Declaration of Emergency on August 29, 2005, which includes the state of Louisiana, authorizing exemptions from Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 390-399;

**WHEREAS,** the safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the affected areas of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida require that the movements of certain vehicles loaded with storm-damaged timber traveling on the public highways of the state of Louisiana for the purpose of timber removal and salvage be expedited;

**NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO,** Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

**SECTION 1:** The following permit weight limitations for vehicles carrying loads of timber on roadways maintained by the state of Louisiana and in the parishes listed in Section 2 of this Order, shall not exceed the following limitation: Maximum gross vehicle weight for vehicles equipped with five (5) or more weight-bearing axles with outer bridge spans of not less than fifty-one (51) feet shall not exceed ninety-five thousand (95,000) pounds. Maximum gross vehicle weight for vehicles equipped with five (5) or more weight-bearing axles with outer bridge spans of not less than forty (40) feet, but less than fifty-one (51) feet, shall not exceed ninety thousand (90,000) pounds. Maximum gross vehicle weight for vehicles equipped with four (4) weight-bearing axles with outer bridge spans of not less than forty-three (43) feet shall not exceed eighty thousand (80,000) pounds. Regardless of the vehicle gross weight, axle configuration, or axle spacing, no single axle shall exceed twenty thousand (20,000) pounds in weight and no tandem axles shall exceed forty-two thousand (42,000) pounds in weight.

**SECTION 2:** The weight limitations shall apply only to vehicles loaded with storm-damaged timber harvested in the following parishes: East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington, Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis, Rapides, Vernon and being transported to a mill or temporary storage facility.

- SECTION 3:** A permit shall be obtained free of charge for each vehicle from the Truck Permit Office of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. This permit must be signed by the owner of the vehicle or vehicles or the owner's official designee. All conditions enumerated on the permit document must be strictly observed.
- SECTION 4:** Nothing in this Order shall be construed to allow any vehicle to exceed weight limits posted for bridges and like structures, or relieve any vehicle or carrier, owner or driver of any vehicle from compliance with any restrictions other than those specified, or from any statute, rule, order, or other legal requirement not specifically waived herein.
- SECTION 5:** Nothing in this Order shall be construed or interpreted as being applicable to travel on non-state maintained highways;
- SECTION 6:** Executive Order No. KBB 2005-84, issued on September 3, 2005, is hereby terminated and rescinded.
- SECTION 7:** This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until Friday, June 30, 2006, unless amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law prior to such date.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 31st day of March, 2006.

**/S/ Kathleen Babineaux Blanco**  
**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

**ATTEST BY**  
**THE GOVERNOR**

**/S/ Al Ater**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**